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1. ACCORDING TO NATIONAL POLICE SPOKESMAN, REORGANIZATION OF ISRAELI POLICE ON WEST BANK HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN CONNECTION WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF SHIMRON COMMISSION ON ORGANIZED CRIME. NATIONAL POLICE HAVE YET TO TAKE ANY DECISIONS ON THIS MATTER. SPOKESMAN ASSERTED THAT POSSIBLE REORGANIZATION HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WEST BANK ARABS; IT IS EXCLUSIVELY CONCERNED WITH THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES OF THE ISRAELI POLICE ON THE WEST BANK.

2. COMMENT: SPOKESMAN'S EXPLANATION SOUNDS PLAUSIBLE TO US AND THROWS COLD WATER ON ASSOCIATION OF POSSIBLE NEW WEST BANK POLICE DISTRICT WITH ALLEGED PROPOSAL FOR PARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF BEGIN AUTONOMY PLAN. FURTHERMORE, IF SUCH A MOVE WERE CONTEMPLATED, PRESUMABLY IT WOULD FOLLOW RATHER THAN PRECEDE A CABINET DECISION, AND WE NOTE ALLEGED WEIZMAN RECOMMENDATION WAS SAID TO BE SUBJECT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CABINET DISCUSSION, NOT DECISION. IN ANY CASE, WE HAVE YET TO CONFIRM REPORT IN REF C THAT AUTONOMY PROPOSAL WAS EVEN DISCUSSED AT MAY 21 CABINET SESSION, WHICH FOCUSED ON AIRCRAFT PACKAGE DEAL AND ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON. LEWIS

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